

MANY NEW STATIONS OPENED TO MEET THE BIG DEMAND FOR EGGS

Rush Orders Bent in from All Sections of the City in War on Trust.

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several. Cooper Brothers of Dorchester avenue couldn't keep up with the demand—by supplying only one dozen to a customer. Customers would buy one dozen—then come back the next day. The clerks were too busy to distinguish between the many faces.

Mrs. J. L. Stewart, active leader of the Housewives' League, took some eggs at her home at No. 714 Commonwealth avenue. She sold a case in spite of herself, for Mrs. Stewart is too busy to sell the eggs personally and made no effort to attract purchasers.

Then this station was transferred to the home of Mrs. Blanchard of No. 9 Church street, Waverley, where new purchasers appeared. Mrs. Blanchard, a member of the Egg Committee of the Housewives' League, was an active worker today. She sent an order for a case station at No. 217 West Eighth street. Miss M. E. Buck, and eggs were rushed to the station.

The AMERICAN egg wagons were besieged by eager purchasers. Many customers Saturday came in town and saw the eggs at the stations. They said:

"Good—that's a great bargain. I'll take a couple of dozen home."

And then they came back later, on their way home, and the wagons were sold out.

"I say, they profit by this experience and make purchases on their way to work. I'm in a hurry, from State street to the city, and the white pastured eggs I'm carrying, the wagon was sold out with a few business men's take and had all day, on their way to work and back home to the city."

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transferred into a big room as a motor truck with thousands of others. A man stepped in up, held it against a lighted opening in a little tin tube, turned it swiftly in his fingers, and so that it was good.

A third man dropped it into one of the compartments in the cardboard cartons. A fourth slipped the carton into shape and set it firmly into place with his twenty-five cent carter's exact smile.

And half a minute later that crate was put, with a pile of others, into a motor truck at the door and whisked away to one of the many stations, or to one of the AMERICAN wagons.

Crowds Everywhere. Compared to the scenes in this commission house, the turbulent crowd at each postoffice and express office was also as a prize meeting.

Dorchester had the largest share of the egg stations. Nine were in operation there this morning, and almost as many more were opened during the day. In the South End came next with five each, and the rest were scattered about all parts of the greater city. Six stations established up to this morning numbered fifty-seven, with nine wagons, in addition. And the wagon sold more than the busiest egg station.

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TELLS GRATITUDE TO AMERICAN MAN FOR CHEAPER EGGS

The following letter has been received by Mr. Harry P. Cassidy, the AMERICAN'S egg expert:

No. 15 Vine street, Charlestown, Mass., December 2.

Mr. Harry P. Cassidy:

Dear Sir:—I cannot tell you how truly grateful I am to you for having reduced the enormous price of eggs. Your work is so pleasing to our poor people who have practically been denied eggs in their families for the past two years. Wishing you success in your business and a Merry Christmas with all its blessings. Gratefully yours, H. N. KELLY.

packed and distributed. J. A. Bowman, who sold a big supply Saturday at his Charlestown market and ordered fifteen cases early today, said:

"I'll send my own wagon to get the eggs from the commission house. If it will get them out any earlier. It's the greatest trade yet. People come to buy eggs and take along half a dozen other things before they're through."

The enormous volume of business in the egg trade is impossible to keep secret. The identity of the dealer who is handling the business. Trade reports were made to him by many dealers who investigated the source of the AMERICAN'S supply.

Stations Do the Rest. The reporter for a morning paper that has carried on a campaign of denunciation against the Housewives' League for their egg fight, traced up the commission house and went to the station.

"Who is selling these eggs to you?"

"To the egg station."

"Isn't you selling them to Cassidy?"

"Not a case."

"Well, aren't you selling them to the AMERICAN?"

Not at all. The eggs are delivered to the AMERICAN. The stations and the AMERICAN. The stations and the AMERICAN. The stations and the AMERICAN.

Supply Quickly Sold. Orders today came with a rush for which even the big business Saturday had not prepared the commission house handling the deal.

In many cases orders called up at 10 o'clock to order two cases, and half an hour later increased their order to five cases.

J. A. Bowman, who runs the Neck market in Charlestown and other stores, ordered fifteen cases for his various stores. He said:

"Your eggs didn't come out until late Saturday, but when they did come they didn't stop long. People snatched them up so fast we could hardly keep them. Eggs coming in a day in a position of abundance on every market."

At first there were attempts to sell other eggs to the Housewives' League except at the egg station. Then Mr. X, the commission man handling the deal, ordered his pictures to stamp the egg with a star on one end so as to distinguish them.

Any egg stamped with the star found not strictly the best, will be made good if returned to the store.

Housekeepers Busy. The Housewives' League's activities were resumed today. The women members were active throughout the city in pushing the work along.

Cooper Bros. of No. 1014 Tremont street, who sold thousands of eggs, teppached to say:

"Our eggs got to us Saturday afternoon. The rush started at once. Then I ordered my clerks to sell only one dozen to a customer. This rule was enforced, but in five minutes we cleared out three cases."

"Send us five cases a day 1133 further order."

Mrs. Eliza McAdams, who ran a successful egg station in the Town Hall at Seven, Saturday, ordered today to the store of Mrs. Arthur E. Kilby, No. 217 Broadway, Boston. She ordered ten cases sent down today, and Miss Joan Morrison of East Boston also wanted cases for her egg station in the polling booth at Maverick and Park streets.

The Park Co-operative Society of Jamaica Plain, which ordered ten cases late Saturday, wrote:

"Eggs arrived, but late. They will go to the egg station."

all right. They came at 9 p. m., but even at that we cleaned out a case. Previously we had sold our regular store as the customers came in and demanded eggs, and rather than disappoint them we had to go to a lot to us. They all wear by the AMERICAN's egg expert, Miss Portie has volunteered to distribute the eggs."

Praise from Pulpit. The store of B. Cohen at No. 200 Broadway, South Boston, started on Saturday with a one-case order. This morning early came a phone call for six cases—quick!

"Our eggs went like hot cakes," Mr. Cohen said. "Our customers liked them and demanded more. Mrs. Kuhn and Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Smith, three of our old customers from South Boston, came back today, after buying a dozen eggs Saturday—praising them and their bought and wanted more. Hurry them along."

The Rev. Mr. Littlehale of the First Church, at Squam, praised the AMERICAN and the Housewives' League for their work. In his sermon yesterday. He also helped directly by securing a new egg station, in charge of which will be Elizabeth Robinson, No. 405 Fairfield street, Quincy.

"Mrs. T. Bloom of the Clifton Grocery, Roxbury, wrote:

"Our store is right in the centre of a locality where people most interested in cutting the high cost of living live. There appears to be no station near here. I order the use of this egg as a station. The Housewives' League, with the aid of the AMERICAN, has entered upon a good season. I hope to be allowed to do my little share in the attempt to lower prices."

"I wish you success in your efforts."

Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop city and Quincy, Revere and Winthrop city and Quincy, Revere and Winthrop city and Quincy.

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town officials have taken an active interest in the campaign. At 2 o'clock this afternoon, a station was opened in the basement of the Chelsea City Hall. Mrs. J. N. Fitch, vice-president of the Ladies' Welfare Association, with some of her friends, volunteered to take charge. They ordered ten cases—just for a start.

On Saturday, generally the first day of the egg war, more than 100,000 eggs were sold. The demand for eggs everywhere was great. To meet it, the egg commission men, "Mr. X," of the Harry F. Cassidy store, "Mr. X," of the Harry F. Cassidy store, "Mr. X," of the Harry F. Cassidy store.

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"Send Us More Eggs." Interest in the efforts to give Greater Boston eggs at reasonable prices increased yesterday and today when the public realized the object and extent of the enterprise. Harry F. Cassidy, the pure food expert of Philadelphia, who reached the egg trust there, and who was brought to Boston to continue his work for the AMERICAN, was kept busy yesterday and today dictating telephone calls in connection with the Boston office.

"Send us eggs—we can sell them by the thousands!"

The total number of eggs sold at the close of business on Saturday night, for the two days the work was in progress, was 150,000. The man who supplies the eggs had three teams of work today and his men were on the jump to get the eggs delivered to the various stations.

Miss Joan Morrison of Princeton street, East Boston, who ordered ten cases of Mrs. W. A. Morrison, sent several crates of eggs in the polling booth at Maverick and Park streets.

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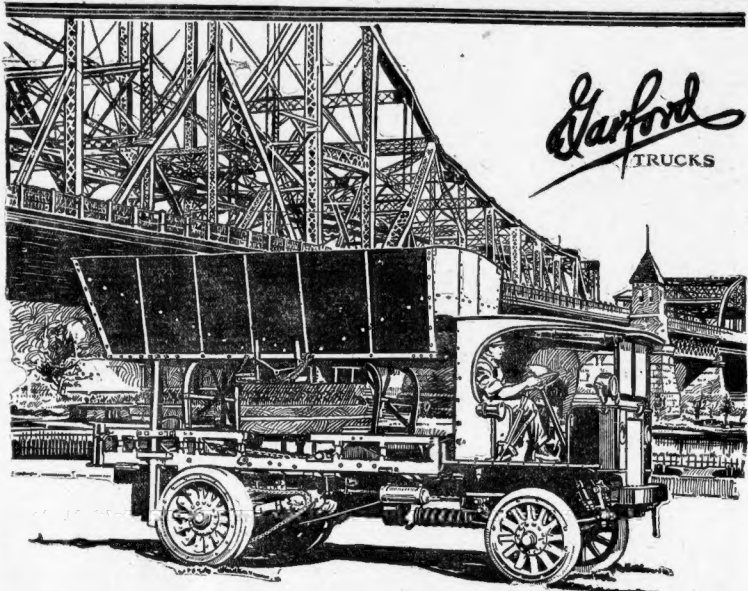
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You will find these efficient trucks at work on the famous Catskill Aqueduct in New York City. This job is the greatest undertaking of its kind in the world. It will cost over \$200,000,000.

Over in the United States Navy Yard (Brooklyn, New York) Garford trucks are helping to carry on and rapidly complete the important and costly work of the United States government.

The New York Mail Company, probably the largest individual handlers of mail matter in the world, selected Garford trucks. No other business must be conducted with such accuracy as the transportation of mail. Outgoing and incoming trains, arriving and departing ocean liners, must be connected with promptly at all hours of the day—seven days in the week. Sub-station deliveries must be prompt and not subject to delays on account of bad weather, or a sick horse. The Garford truck solved the problem for this transportation company. The New York Mail Co. has just ordered twenty-six additional Garford trucks to be ready on January first for the new Parcel Post Act, which becomes effective on that date. They have purchased, to date, fifty-seven Garford trucks.

Contractors in charge of and carrying on the construction work of the New York State Barge Canal and the New York Connecting Railway Bridge use Garford trucks.

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Down among the great docks of our principal seaport cities (particularly where trans-Atlantic liners dock) you will find Garford trucks loading and unloading merchandise, of every description, going to and from all parts of the world.

In great manufacturing centers where steels, huge girders, raw or finished materials of all kinds are continually being hauled, you will find our "five tonners" traveling all over the yards. It will pay you to talk to the traffic managers of some of these great plants; they will tell you some surprising things about Garford efficiency. The judgment of such men is a valuable guide for you. What is economical and right for their business—must be so for yours.

At any rate, if you are in the market for trucks (and you should be if you haul things) it will pay you to investigate, or delegate some one to listen to what we have to say about the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the Garford truck.

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The R. and L. Company, 915-921 Boylston St.

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The Housekeepers' League committee organization, of which Mrs. J. L. Steurus of No. 714 Commonwealth avenue is chairman, has called a meeting for the day after Christmas to perfect organization. At that time, plans will be laid for an extension of the egg fight, and to add other food products to eggs, if such a course is found to be feasible.

By H. P. CASSIDY.

10—1) observe the same persons are gleefully saying that I was "put out" of my position of prosecuting the poisoned food dealers in Pennsylvania. Very true. So was Dr. Wiley "put out" of his great office for the same reasons by the same powerful interests. I wonder how strong these "poisoned food interests" are in Boston, and if they can "put out" men who are trying to benefit the community, while they go on waxing rich and fat in their nefarious business?

Harry Cassidy today gives advice to the housewives of Boston, and especially to those interested in the Housekeepers' League, as to how they may best take advantage of the twenty-four cent eggs on the market, and how to be sure they are getting the good ones.

Order your eggs in advance. That's the big lesson I want to teach today. For the egg price is broken and failing throughout the city, and it only remains to perfect the distributing organization and pour the eggs into the market.

BOSTON AMERICAN EGG

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Charles Fleischer, leader of the San Francisco Commons at the Majestic Theatre, paid tribute to the AMERICAN and its efforts toward smashing the Egg Trust in

In starting this crusade against the egg barons the AMERICAN has paved the way for concerted action on the part of every consumer to deal with the other food trusts. Remember, this is but a beginning. The egg problem is not this modest. Once we smash it,

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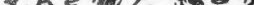
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Regensburg American Concha	4.00	2.00

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	Box of 50	50 Cents or less
La Restina Fancy Ticles	3.10	
Ricorico Bismarks	3.00	
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" Exceptionals	5.00	2.50
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" Alfonsas	2.25	
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" Invincible	3.50	
" Saratogs	3.35	
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	Box of 50	50 Cents or less
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Spencer Arms Panetela Finas	3.50	
Ovalado Media Perfecto	4.00	2.00
" Lirios		2.00
Jose M. Fernandez Invincible	1.75	
Palmas de Cuba Media Perfecto,	3.00	1.50
" Seniors Perfecto		
Palmas de Cuba Londres	3.00	1.50
Benefactor Invincible	3.00	1.50
John Bigelow Epicure	2.50	1.25
Duke of Nassau Invincible	2.50	1.25
Robin Hood	2.50	1.25
Palmas de Cuba Bouquet	2.50	1.25
Lady Churchill Sobranos	2.50	1.25
Benefactor Superior or Perfecto	2.50	1.25
La Marada Perfecto	2.00	1.00
Gen. Braddock Colonial	2.00	1.00
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PLANS AVENUE WIXT TREMONT AND WASHINGTON

W. J. McDonald real estate broker, of No. 85 Milk street, today made public a plan to relieve congestion in the business section. He suggests the extension of an avenue from School to Elliot street, midway between Washington and Tremont streets to be known as "Business avenue." This proposed avenue would have a width of fifty feet.

The plan also advocates the building of a subway under this avenue for freight and loading and for delivery from west of the Washington street surface, thus bringing into play "practically 120 feet of roadway."

It is proposed that the city make an "excavation" of from 150 to 200 feet along the route. Mr. McDonald claims to have a syndicate to buy the entire property, take it off the city's hands at the assessed valuation and construct the street and subway, either additional out of the city's funds or damages in return of the tax value, to be assumed by the city.

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HUNT WOMAN AS LEADER OF DEATH BAND

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A woman is being sought by the police as the leader of the gang which cut and slashed Joseph J. Lough, a wealthy diamond merchant, to death in his office in the McKewen Theatre building last week. The authorities say they believe the woman is a woman named "Daisy" who is believed to have been in the city for some time.

The woman for whom the police are searching is said to be known as "Daisy" and is believed to be a woman of about 30 years of age, frequently going to his office to purchase or look at diamonds. She is believed to be a woman of about 30 years of age, frequently going to his office to purchase or look at diamonds. She is believed to be a woman of about 30 years of age, frequently going to his office to purchase or look at diamonds.

DOMINGO DIAZ DEAD.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Preparations are being made to bury the body of General Domingo Diaz of Panama, a revolutionary leader, to his home in Panama.

ACCUSATION MADE BY SHEA CASE DETECTIVE HEARSAY, HE ADMITS

It was learned today for the first time that the bald and unspoken assertion that another doctor, whose whereabouts are unknown, treated Miss Walshe before Dr. Alfred D. Shea of Cambridge was called into the case was the Executive Council's chief reason for pardoning Shea from a seven to ten-year state prison sentence for illegal surgery.

It was this assertion, based entirely on hearsay, that led the Executive Council of Massachusetts to usurp the powers of the criminal courts and to ignore a verdict of guilty, found in regular process, by pronouncing Shea "innocent."

ASSERTION MADE BY PRIVATE DETECTIVE

The assertion was made by a private detective, either in public or private session, who, when pressed for further particulars offered to furnish the council with the name of the "other doctor" in secret, adding in substance: "But it will not do you good to look up this doctor because he has disappeared. Besides it was impossible to confirm the report, which was based entirely on hearsay."

That "other doctor" story was the trump card played by Shea's relatives and sympathizers at the pardon hearing. It was augmented by sentimental testimony of the usual sort covering the standing and the reputation of the imprisoned physician. It was testimony of a nature that could not possibly have stood in a court of law and equally impotent before a board of clemency whose duty it was to search for and deal only with facts.

There are important questions. They are questions which should be answered. The Boston AMERICAN for the past three days has been doing its utmost to induce those interested in Shea's reputation and affairs to answer some or all of these interrogations.

**FOSS TELLS ATTITUDE
IN SHEA CASE; TALKS
OF ADVERTISING IDEA**

Governor Foss presented his side of the Shea pardon case in the Sunday AMERICAN. Some of the main points in his defense were:

If District Attorney Fletcher had a real desire to be heard by the Prison Commission for the Executive Council, on the petition of Dr. Alfred D. Shea for a pardon, the District Attorney should have said so. When the District Attorney said that the letter of the executive secretary asking him of the Shea petition, the District Attorney did not say that he DESIRED to be heard. Moreover, he did not say that he was OFFERED to be heard.

So far as I know, I never saw Dr. Shea in my life, nor am I acquainted with any member of Dr. Shea's family. I have nothing to say concerning the influence of the Executive Council that Dr. Shea is believed to be in command. Such a finding does not come within the province of the Governor. I have not so expressed myself.

Many people have written to me that they believe the Boston AMERICAN is just as strong for publicity as the AMERICAN SUGGESTS.

It might be a good thing, as the AMERICAN SUGGESTS, to advertise the public hearings on these pardon petitions two weeks in advance. I shall not make such a recommendation at present, however, because I feel that the matter is presently one belonging to the Executive Council at the head of which, as a new act, the Lieutenant Governor.

PARKER SCORES ABUSE OF POWER BY COUNCILLORS

Former Attorney General Herbert Parker's scathing arraignment of the Governor's Council for its action in the Shea pardon case, published yesterday in the Sunday AMERICAN, stands today as one of the strongest indictments of the abuse of pardoning power ever made public. The former Attorney General declared that the pardoning of Shea was unequal of authority. He said:

By so possibly can the Council, in assuming to review the decision of a court, examine or consider all the evidence in its own right which had been presented in the judicial proceeding.

For the orderly, established and exclusive authority of the courts of law, the Council has unconsciously, perhaps unintentionally, even unconsciously, substituted the serious and sentiments of an appeal to the sensibilities of the public. It is the belief that they are exercising a real justice though, in fact, they may be the victims of a perversion and a concealment of the truth, and at the expense of the public welfare they may waste energy and charity upon an unworthy object.

An exaggerated sentimentality in the atmosphere of such proceedings, uncontrolled by the stern truth of the case almost invariably leads to that misreading of justice and judgment before the eyes of an ignorant people. If the thought and discussion which have been aroused by this incident of the official action shall compel a change in the method of conducting the business of the Council before the Council, so that that body may be aided by the findings of a public inquiry, and by the presentation of all facts material to the case before them, then it will be more likely to act within its legitimate province, and with no less tender regard for the rights of any citizen who may have wrongfully suffered, but certainly with a stronger regard for the public interest and with a truer appreciation of the significance of an adjudication of the courts under the law of this Commonwealth.

MAYOR PLANNING NEW YEAR'S PARTY ON BOSTON COMMON

Unless the weather presents a large part of the cosmopolitan population of Boston will gather on the Common, Tuesday evening, December 31, for a huge New Year's party if Mayor Fitzgerald's plans "go right."

The Mayor is determined to make the evening one of joy and merriment, and one that will not soon be forgotten by the participants. He has arranged for a program of music, dancing, and other amusements. There will be a big chorus service, and in addition to this there will probably be a band of fifty or more pieces.

TWO LINERS RACE HOME FOR XMAS

Racing home for Christmas, two liners are today several hundred miles off shore on their way to Boston. They are the Lord line steaming Canadian, with eleven passengers, from Liverpool, and the Red Star line steamer Menominee, from Antwerp, with seventy passengers.

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GIRL RIOTERS QUIZZED ABOUT MEN'S IDENTITY

CLINTON, Dec. 23.—The seven young women, rioters in the riot at the Industrial School for girls at Lancaster, who are to be transferred to the women's reformatory at Sherborn, were questioned at the police station to learn the motives of the men whose efforts to rescue the women from the school started the riot. The men made their escape, while the girls to the school were kept off the streets. The police questioned the seven rioters in the hope of getting facts which would lead to the arrest of the men.

The seven arrived after a conflict with the police at the Industrial School. They were taken to the police station at 100 West End street, Boston. They were taken to the police station at 100 West End street, Boston. They were taken to the police station at 100 West End street, Boston.

MINNESOTA RATE DECISION ON JAN. 6

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court of the United States today reversed its decision of January 6, when it will doers a decision in the Minnesota rate case.

The managers of the campaign of William B. Finkner say that he will have the Progressive support from the western part of the State and declares that it is likely that there will be a caucus of the Republican members of the Legislature on the seat of the seat.

REPUBLICANS MORE ACTIVE IN SENATE FIGHT

Republican candidates for the United States Senate are increasing their activity as the New Year with the new Legislature. Joseph Walker, not being eligible himself, having been defeated as the Republican candidate for Governor, comes out in favor of the candidacy of Representative Robert M. Washburn of Worcester.

In a letter to Washburn, Walker says that his (Walker's) effort to impress upon the Legislature the necessity for new Republican leadership in State and nation also puts him out of the running.

Boston Typographical Union No. 18 Boston, the candidacy of former Governor Curtis Guild, ambassador to Russia, in the eventuality passed in favor of Guild it is declared that he "has shown his fidelity" for expected labor in his efforts to secure the election of Representative Robert M. Washburn of Worcester.

Former Attorney General Herbert Parker, in a statement to the public has declared in favor of Congressman Samuel W. McCall.

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TAR JOHNSON, SAY NEIGHBORS OF THE FIGHTER

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Tar and feather is a household word suggested today as a remedy for an offensive citizen who would not be deterred by the police. The late John Johnson, the negro pugilist, had fought a house and had there proposed to fight in close proximity to some of the residents of the Chicago colony. "Well, I have fought a place," said Johnson today, "and I am going to live in one more." I am suggesting for the purchase of a stock farm near, say, New York.

Johnson, the former owner of the property, had not been found, it was stated that he directly or indirectly Johnson had been the possessor of the house formerly owned by John E. Johnson, now a resident of Chicago, but formerly in the grain business at Lake, Illinois.

Johnson would be tarred and feathered if he deliberately intruded himself in a place where he is not wanted and where he is present would be most offensive, said David P. Boyle, who owns one of the Lake Forest villas.

It is quite possible that Johnson expects to make a lot of money out of the purchase of this property, said a real estate dealer.

JUNARDER CRASH REPORTED IN CRASH

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Officers of the New York City Police Department reported today that the Junarder crash was a serious one. The crash occurred at the intersection of the New York City Police Department and the Junarder crash.

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'TAR MUCH HYPOCRISY IN LIQUOR,' SAYS MORRIS, BACKING LICENCE BOARD

Mayor Fitzgerald today issued a statement, following the report of the Licensing Board in favor of Sunday license, in which he declared that there is too much hypocrisy about the liquor question in this part of the country.

The Mayor agrees with the Licensing Board that respectable shops have Sunday license to sell wine and light wines on Sunday.

Those churches and other institutions and women demand the suggestion of the Police Board.

This is what Mayor Fitzgerald says he thinks on the question:

In general I agree with the conclusion of the Licensing Board, particularly in what they say in regard to "drugs" houses. I never could understand why drug houses are not closed on Sunday.

There is altogether too much hypocrisy about the liquor question in this part of the country.

It would be very better if liquor were sold openly rather than under the guise of medicinal preparations and in secret places.

The Mayor agrees with the board that liquor for the sale of beer and light wines in the first class license should be permitted rather than to avoid case hotels.

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BABY McLEAN HAS A \$1,000 TREE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A \$1,000 Christmas tree with a \$5,000 array of trimmings has been set up for Vincent Walsh McLean, the hundred million dollar baby, in the drawing room of the McLean mansion on Massachusetts avenue.

Artisans and experts have worked hard to get the mammoth tree ready for the celebration. The Christmas party of the young Walshs tomorrow. One hundred boys and girls under five years of age of the "Fourth Four Hundred of Washington" have been invited to bring Vincent.

The McLean family will play throughout the afternoon.

McLean's attractions of a crowd with performing animals, four clowns and a baby elephant, the youthful guests will be entertained by a moving picture show.

While the main surprise will be the entrance of St. Nicholas, loaded down with toys that were specially made and imported from the toy centers of Europe.

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WILSON MAY GRANT 50 PARDONS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

THIRTON, N. J., Dec. 22.—Governor Wilson at the Court of Pardons today considered 200 applications for pardon or commutation of sentence.

This number it is estimated that about 100 of the pardons will be granted. Each of those pardoned will receive an amount of a five dollar bill.

In former years applications were never taken up until after January 1. But it was Governor Wilson's suggestion that the pardons should be granted at Christmas.

"This is an unpleasant duty," said the Governor. "It pulls at the heart strings."

GIVE CONTRACT FOR
PAINE CO. BUILDING

The contract for the new building for the Paine Company has been awarded to James Stewart & Co., of New York. Work will begin before January 1 and should be completed by the end of the year.

The contract includes the building, elevators and the plumbing. Separate contracts for the heating, electric wiring, and plumbing will be awarded within a few days.

The building is to be the extension of Arlington street, taking up the whole width of the block from St. James avenue to Stuart street. It will be ten stories high.

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By "Bud" Fisher



TO GIVE \$6,000
IN PRIZES AT
BIG DOG SHOW

Nearly \$10,000 in cash will be distributed by the Eastern Dog Club at its all-breed show in Mechanics Building in February. Of that sum \$4,500 will be awarded in the regular classes and over \$1,000 in the specials. The executive committee will have the most expert judges of the dog in the country, and these will be selected from a number of men in Boston, New York, Virginia and Buffalo.

Al Palzer and McCarty in Easy Workouts for Battle

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rets" who were big stars in their day. "Wild Bill" Donovan has been going back for some time, and he was shipped it provided he could get the place where he would be of some service, but he is done as a big timer, as is also Summers.

Old Danny Murphy, the Athletics' veteran outfielder, is going to the place where he can show that his playing days are over and that Connie Mack retains him only out of sentiment.

Jack Knitz, a first appearance, has already taken ten days on the ball field. There are many who think the former Yankee will get blossom into a star, but it looks as if he is through in the big show.

Ask Walverton Donlin.

They're asking for walvers on Sir Mingo's. . . .

the greatest and most picturesque ball players that ever lived a show is on his way down to the minors unless some other big league club decides it can use him.

It seems but yesterday that "Turkey Mike" was holding out on the New York for big money; it seems but yesterday that

Red Cough & Cough Drops.
Mother's remedy for children's colds. So perfect. **

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SILK SHIRTS
Fine texture, extra weight; special purchase. Shirts worth \$6.00. Our price \$3.65, in Xmas boxes. What would please him better?

GLORIOUS NECKWEAR
All our 50c, 65c, 85c and \$1.00 Ties in Handsome Embossed Boxes

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Can be put in a small bag.

Wams, Bath Robes, Dress-Shirt Shields,
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STORES
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NINE

659 WASHINGTON STREET
Under the Gaiety Theatre

Next week local boxing fans will have a chance to see a good boxing show at the Malden, when the new Malden L. & C. Club, with a membership of more than 500, will hold its initial show. The

Mr. A. A. has an advantage over many key teams at present, as it has had the opportunity of practicing at the Arena this year a similar advantage has been enjoyed by the Toronto club. For the past several weeks the Canadians have been practicing at the Toronto Arena, a new indoor rink.

Ford
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

"Milestones" on the open road are scarcely more plentiful than Ford service stations. It's the one car

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ough to satisfy
demand.

Every third car is a Ford. Nearly 180,000 have been sold and delivered. New prices—runabout \$525—touring car \$600—delivery car \$625—town car \$800—with all equipment, f.o.b. Detroit. Get particulars from Ford Motor Company, 650 Beacon St., Boston, or direct from Detroit factory.

A friend of George (Kid) Lavigne declares from Dayton, O., that the reports that Lavigne is confined in an insane asylum are untrue. He states that the Kid is breathing the free air and enjoying good health, and will soon start writing a brief history of his wonderful fighting career.

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33 years of the best liquors and the best service at the fairest prices has given us the bulk of the best trade—buying on the way to the South Station.

Steeping pure malt whiskey,
 Per bottle 75c
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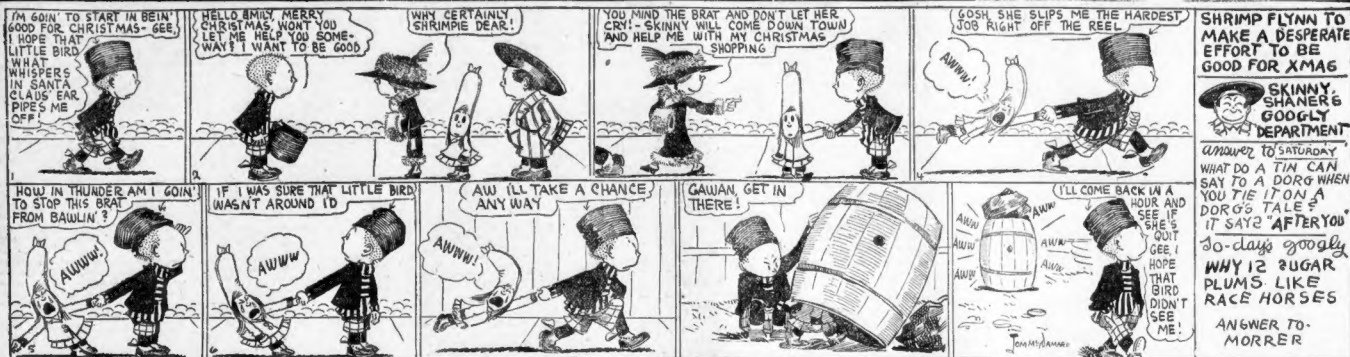
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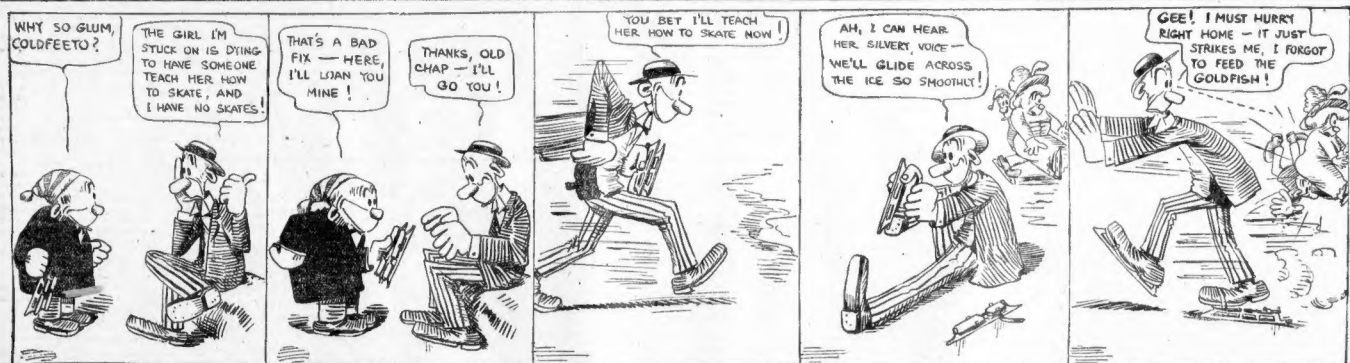


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DAILY AND SUNDAY

The Curse of Poverty

Poverty Is Slavery. Keep Out of Debt, If You Would Be Happy
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Young men and old men, fight poverty as you would fight slavery if it still existed among us. Ask the old around you, and they will tell you that poverty is the great, widespread curse.

Not wealth is necessary to happiness, but freedom from the poverty that grinds, poverty that worries, poverty that makes a man the slave of any man that has a dollar—THAT is necessary to happiness.

You have seen pictures of the slave-traders rushing through the African forests and the poor blacks fleeing before them in terror.

What the slave-trader was to the black man on the Gold Coast in the old days of slave-ships poverty is to you today.

Keep out of poverty—keep out of debt.

Remember that the dollar you spend so quickly today, and the other dollar tomorrow, and the day after, might mean later independent manhood, power to control your own time, direct your own career.

Money enough—though it be but ten cents a day more than you spend—means freedom, independence, the right to look any man in the eye as his equal.

And poverty, debt, the spending of ever so little more than you actually have, means slavery now, anxiety, humiliation in the future.

Poverty deprives children of education—and so it means ignorance. Poverty deprives children of care and good food—and so it means disease.

Poverty takes away men's courage, drives them to despair, makes them seek relief wherever it can be found—and so poverty means drunkenness.

Wherever you find men miserable, poor and underpaid you will find ignorance and drunkenness.

Wherever you better conditions and lift the weight of poverty, drunkenness and ignorance diminish.

Whatever your age or habits, or condition, there are two things that you can do—you can better yourself, or you can make things worse.

If you are a young man or woman starting out in life, or one young enough to have many good years ahead of you, it is absolutely in your power to make your life dignified, independent and satisfied.

However old you may be, or discouraged, it isn't too late to fight against the curse that weighs on millions of men, the curse of present poverty, and that other curse, almost as great, the dread of poverty in the future.

It is in your power to be free if you will do it. Spend less than you make, and you will find that spending less means, in almost every case, earning more.

If a man puts into learning and thinking the hours and the vitality formerly devoted to frivolous spending he will soon find his power to earn increased.

You must remember, however, that if the majority of men are worried, hard up, living along from day to day, it is because going in debt is very easy, and keeping out of it is difficult.

Every day the temptation comes to spend this and to spend that. On a certain day everybody must have a new hat, and he gets it—he thinks he must spend as much as anybody else does—there goes one chance of saving.

Each man thinks that he must dress as well as somebody else does. And a million young fools think that they must take a drink when it is offered to them—and also that they must buy a drink in their turn, which is idiotic.

And tens of thousands of married men are kept poor because they imagine that they must do as well as somebody else does—and too often their wives help them to keep poor.

Try to bear in mind that a few years from now it won't make much difference to you whether you get a new hat on September 18th, 1913, or not—but it will make a very big difference at that time whether you have a few thousand dollars saved up or a few dozen men trying to collect bills from you.

Remember that when you are well off, when you can say truly that you owe no man a dollar, people always like the way you look. They find no fault with your dressing.

Remember that all the varnish, all the fine clothing, new hats, new shoes, can't do you a bit of good when you and everybody else know that you can't afford those things.

It isn't easy to save and be independent. If it were everyone would be prosperous and independent. But it is possible to keep poverty away.

It is possible to be a free man, afraid of no one, controlled and blessed by nobody.

Now a man will see this article today who, if he could see it again twenty years from now, would wish with bitterness of heart that he had paid attention to it and realized that it was intended for him.

Few live happy, independent, free from the control of other men—and a great majority live with poverty of hands always above them, in fear of the future, pinched and anxious in the present.

But you can be free if you will. It is in your power to say to yourself: "I may not be rich, but I will never be poor. I'll earn all that I can in the present, and I'll save so much of every dollar for the days that are to come."

You would have a very poor opinion of the savage on the Gold Coast if you found him, when the slave drivers were abroad, thinking of anything except escape from those slave hunters.

Yet we are all of us here with the slave hunter of the future abroad among us.

And ninety-nine out of a hundred know what poverty means, but ignore the knowledge.

They know perfectly well that if they cannot save and begin to get ahead today there is no earthly reason why they should hope to do that at a later day—yet they ignore that knowledge.

The AMERICAN'S reply to the Statement of President Mellen of the New Haven Railroad will be published on this page on Thursday. It will be a broadside of FACTS

Bringing Home the Pule Log

By HAL COFFMAN



It's Nearly the 25th



Dr. Parkhurst's Article

United States as
Arbitrator of the
Balkan Difficulties
—Hague Tribunal
Only an Ornament
for Times of Peace

Written for the Boston American by

DR. C. H. PARKHURST

THE idea is a pleasant one that the United States has been suggested as arbitrator between the Allies and the Turks, even if it becomes nothing more than a suggestion.

The feasibility of such means of adjustment springs doubtless from the fact which, at Mr. Roosevelt's initiative, our government played in effecting an understanding between Russia and Japan, and also from the confidence had in the justice with which our government would discharge such an office, because so free from all complication in European politics that it could render a verdict unclouded by partiality. It is easy to be just when it makes no difference to us, personally or nationally, which way the verdict goes.

The Hague Tribunal was constituted with a view of creating a court of appeal from which, so far as possible, the element of prejudice and partiality should be eliminated. But even so, the nations are afraid of it, and even we object to committing our interests to its arbitration. The Tribunal, therefore, remains an ornament in times of peace, but a bugaboo when questions of our own international import are involved.

I know a man in New York some years ago who was able to such degree to ignore his own prejudices that if two people had a controversy, one of whom was his friend, they were entirely without both of them, to submit their dispute to his decision.

Such ability, however, to act without bias, and purely in the light of facts, is extremely rare. Without being consciously dishonest, the decision of nine men out of ten will, in disputed cases, waver from the severe line of absolute justice if their own personal interests or prior convictions are in any way involved.

It is one of the constant symptoms of human infirmity. Hence the difficulty always experienced in collecting a jury to whose judgment contending parties are willing to submit their claims.

Whether the obligation is upon us of submitting the question of Panama to the judgment of the Hague Court is a question by itself, but there is no question but that in doing so we should be committing the case to the decision of a tribunal whose members would, some of them, enter upon its consideration with views distinctly unfavorable to our interests.

The same would hold in the matter of bringing to that court the Balkan-Turkish dispute. The distinct tendency of its members would be to give their voice to a verdict, promulgative of the territorial interests of the government which they respectively represent. From such prejudice our own government, if asked to arbitrate, would be exempt.

Our own disqualification for such office would be a certain rather widely prevailing antipathy to the "Unspeaking Turk."

THERE has just fallen into my hands a letter that I think will interest the young readers of the AMERICAN, for a newspaper ought to have something to say to the children as well as to the grown-ups. This letter was written to his cousin by a young fellow, hardly more than a boy, but who has some ideas about the way of observing Christmas, which if carried out by the rest of us, older and younger, would make our celebration of the day fatter and sweeter and blessing.

His letter is as follows: "As the days grow shorter and shorter and it approaches the end of the month, our thoughts are ever turned toward the Day of Days. 'Tis past years I have been entitled to do as the rest of the crowd have done. But I have come to the conclusion that in this general exchange of gifts, every one ought to get just as much in return as he has given, the day has lost much of its true meaning. Christmas Day has from the first been intended to be a day of blessing to every one, rich and poor alike."

"At present it is mostly the wealthy that reap the harvest. Not that the poorer classes are left out entirely, but there are altogether too many of them that are made sorrowful rather than happy at this time; too many children who find their stockings as empty Christmas morning as when left the evening before. So now, this year, instead of spending anything on me, will you please give me the money that you would otherwise devote to me to some charitable organization and thus bring happiness to some that are poorer than I?"

The boy is right. We have gone into the way of commercializing the day of the Lord's birth, the last commodity in the world that we should suppose there would be any disposition to bring into the market.

Nevertheless, there is a great deal that is beautiful in the exchange of love-gifts, but not when the gift is maintained on what the writer of this boy's letter might have called the principle of barter.

"I will give him a book, or a set of china or a silver service, or a string of pearls, but I expect to receive something of equal or greater value from him." There is no love expressed in a gift that is bestowed on any other than the little principle of "giving, hoping for nothing again."

So if the children who read this article will do as the writer of the above letter proposes to do, they will not only make happy some that will otherwise be very unhappy when it comes Christmas morning, but they will also add to the little heart there are some of children where others who there would have been tears or disappointment.

A BABY'S WISH

By WILLIAM F. KIRK

THEY were doing their Christmas shopping As other poor babies shop. Roaming along, then stopping As other poor babies stop. The dingiest stores and the lowly, With the dullest of window-lights, Seemed fairlyland fair and flowery To the two little North End mites.

They stopped in front of a painting That told of a wondrous morn, And pictured the little Manger— Where the Babe of the World was born. Said one little girl to the other As she clung to her shabby hat: "I wish that my baby brother Could have a nice bed like that!"